

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

1. **(Currently Amended)** A ~~topie~~ **topical** composition in form of a gel for treating skin burns comprising:

a first barrier gel for skin protection comprising ~~an~~ **carboxypolymethylene (carbopol)** **as a first thickening** ~~thickener~~ agent and an emulsifier agent in an aqueous carrier;

a second barrier gel for skin protection comprising a second ~~thickener~~ **thickening** agent[,], **and** a preservative agent, in an aqueous carrier; ~~and~~

an active principle having proteolytic activity; **and**  
**an anesthetic agent.**

2. **(Original)** A composition according to claim 1 wherein the active principle is papain.

3. **(Cancelled)**

4. **(Currently Amended)** A composition according to claim [[3]] 1 wherein said anaesthetic agent is lidocaine and is present in a range between 1 to 5% by weight of composition.

5. **(Previously Presented)** A composition according to claim 1 wherein said first thickener agent consists of carboxypolymethylene in an amount between 1.5% and 2.5% by weight of said first gel.

6. **(Previously Presented)** A composition according to claim 1 wherein said second thickener agent is carboxymethylcellulose in an amount between 1% and 4% by weight of said second gel.

7. **(Currently Amended)** A composition according to claim [[3]] 1 wherein the first **barrier** gel is present in an amount between 22% and 28% by weight of the composition, said second **barrier** gel is present in an amount between 71.5% and 77.5% by weight of the composition or the first gel is present in an amount between 71.5% and 77.5% by weight of the composition and said second **barrier** gel is present in an amount between 22% and 28% by weight of the composition, the active principle is present in an amount between 0.2% and 5% by weight of the composition, and the anesthetic agent is present in an amount of about between 1% and 5% by weight of the composition .

8. **(Currently Amended)** A composition according to claim [[3]] 1 wherein the first **barriere** gel is present in an amount between 22% and 28% by weight of the composition, said second **barrier** gel is present in an amount between 71.5% and 77.5% by weight of the composition, the active principle is present in an amount between 0.2% and 5% by weight of the composition, the active principle is present in an amount between 0.2% and 5% by weight of the composition, and the anaesthetic is present in an amount between 1% and 5% by weight of the composition.

9. **(Currently Amended)** A composition according to claim 1 wherein the emulsifier agent in said first **barrier** gel is triethanolamine.

10. **(Previously Presented)** A composition according to claim 1 wherein the preservative agent is a mixture of methyl parabene and propyl parabene.

11. **(Previously Presented)** A composition according to claim 1 additionally containing chlorhexidine and/or urea in a pharmaceutically effective amount.

12. **(Withdrawn)** A method for treating skin lesions comprising the application on the skin lesion of the person in need, a therapeutically effective amount of the composition according to claim 1.

13. **(Withdrawn)** The use of the composition according to claim 1 for treatment of local burns, grazes, erythema, eczema, herpes infection, avulsions, superficial sores and any skin damage leading to sloughing.

14. **(Previously Presented)** A composition according to claim 2 furthermore comprising an anaesthetic agent.

15. **(Currently Amended)** A composition according to claim 2 wherein said first thickener agent consists of carboxypolymethylene in an amount between 1.5% and 2.5%\_by weight of said first **barrier** gel.

16. **(Currently Amended)** A composition according to claim ~~[[3]]~~ **1** wherein said first thickener agent consists of carboxypolymethylene in an amount between 1.5% and 2.5% by weight of said first **barrier** gel.

17. **(Currently Amended)** A composition according to claim 4 wherein said first thickener agent consists of carboxypolymethylene in an amount between 1.5% and 2.5% by weight of said first **barrier** gel.

18. **(Currently Amended)** A composition according to claim 2 wherein said second thickener agent is carboxymethylcellulose in an amount between 1% and 4% by weight of said second **barrier** gel.

19. **(Currently Amended)** A composition according to claim ~~[[3]]~~ 1 wherein said second thickener agent is carboxymethylcellulose in an amount between 1% and 4% by weight of said second **barrier** gel.

20. **(Currently Amended)** A composition according to claim 4 wherein said second thickener agent is carboxymethylcellulose in an amount between 1% and 4% by weight of said second **barrier** gel.